# スヌスムムリクの恋人（レト）

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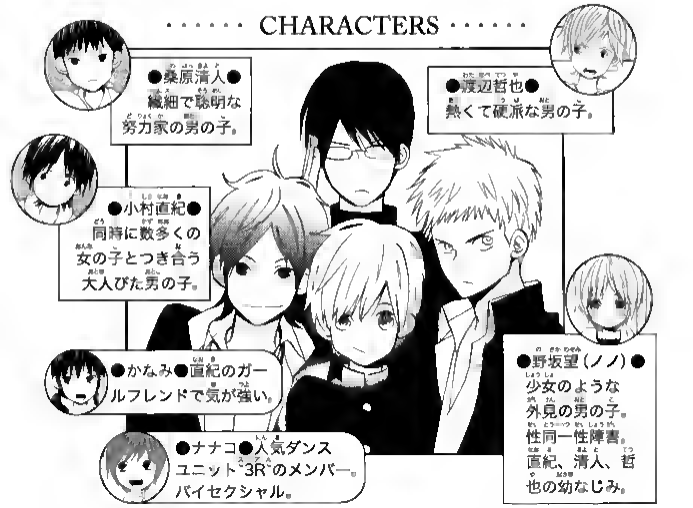
直紀、清人、哲也、望（ノノ）は、
仲のいい幼なじみ。
その中でも華奢で優しいノノは、
みんなのアイドル的存在だった。
小学5年生のある日、
ノノは女の子と間違えられ誘拐されてしまう。
ノノは無事に帰ってくるが、
3人はその事件をきっかけに、
ノノが体は男の子でも、心は女の子という
性同一性障害なのだと知る。
4人が中学生になった時、ノノは「彼女」を作る。
ノノが男の子になったと安心する3人だったが、
ノノは体と心のバランスを
保つことができず苦しむことに。
それを知った3人は
本当のノノを受け入れ、見守ろうと決意する。

## CHARACTERS



●桑原清人●
繊細で聡明な
努力家の男の子。

●渡辺哲也●
熱くて硬派な男の子。

●小村直紀●
同時に数多くの
女の子とつき合う
大人びた男の子。

●かなみ●直紀のガールフレンドで気が強い。

●ナナコ●人気ダンスユニット3Rのメンバー。バイセクシャル。

●野坂望(ノノ)●
少女のような
外見の男の子。
性同一性障害。
直紀、清人、哲也の幼なじみ。

## STORY

ちょうどその頃、直紀はナナコと出会い親密になっていく。
彼女は直紀やノノのことを、とてもよくわかってくれる人だった。
一方ノノは、肉親で唯一の理解者だった父親を亡くしてしまう。
それがもとで、疎遠になった直紀とノノだったが、直紀の努力で、以前の関係に戻りつつあった。
そんな折、直紀はかなみという女の子と知り合う。
そして彼女から、直紀のつき合っている女の子達をノノが奪い、自分も直接誘われたと知らされる。
ノノの行動をどうしても理解できない直紀。
けれどその理由を、
「ずっと直ちゃんが好きだったから」
とノノに告げられる。
突然のノノの告白に驚いた直紀は…!?

#4
Hope

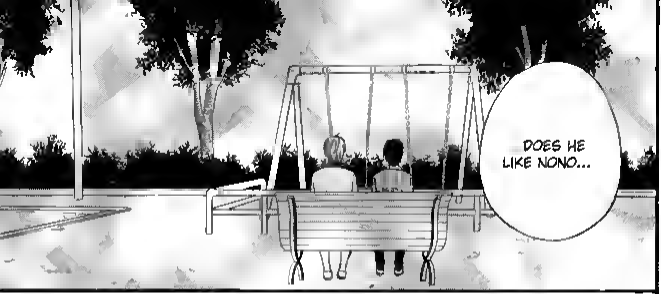
I've liked Nao-chan all this time...
SFX: PUSH
ドン!!
STOP!!
THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED.

...
I CAN'T DO IT
BUT NONO'S MIND IS FINE. IT'S JUST BECAUSE YOU MISUNDERSTOOD HIM.
I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW NAO-CHAN FEELS,
HE CAN'T FORGIVE THEM FOR BEING LOVED BY YOU JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE GIRLS.
WHY? BECAUSE HIS HEART IS THAT OF A GIRL. NONO IS JEALOUS OF ALL YOUR GIRL-FRIENDS WHO WERE BORN AS GIRLS WITHOUT ANY EFFORT OF THEIR OWN
That's the reason...?
THAT'S...

HE'S BROKEN APART
NONO'S BECOME STRANGE.
NAO-CHAN, YOU PROMISED TO HELP NONO ALONGSIDE US, BUT YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING
I'M A MAN! NONO IS A PRECIOUS FRIEND TO ME, BUT I CAN'T FORM A ROMANCE WITH NONO WHEN HE'S A MAN TOO!
EVEN IF I CAN UNDERSTAND HIM, WHAT SHOULD I DO?!

KIYOTO, YOU SHOULD STOP NOW.
...
THEN YOU SHOULD HAVE LEFT ALONE FROM THE VERY BEGINNING
GO AND SEE HOW NONO IS,
OKAY?
IF IT WAS ME I WOULD HAVE DONE IT PROPERLY...
IT'S BECAUSE YOU SHOWED FAKE KINDNESS TO HIM THAT NONO IS SO HURT RIGHT NOW!
SQUEEZE
OKAY...

Sigh
ISN'T THIS THE FIRST TIME I'VE INTERFERED?
YEAH...
HE ASKED ME FOR SOME ADVICE ON SOMETHING.
EVEN IN ATAMI, HE WOULDN'T BUDGE ABOUT BATHING.
HE GETS PRETTY HEATED WHENEVER NONO IS INVOLVED
PLEASE FORGIVE WHAT KIYOTO SAID JUST NOW, NAOKI.
AH?
HE WANTED TO KEEP IT A SECRET FROM YOU.
HE TOLD ME WHENEVER HE DID 'IT' WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND, HE WOULD SEE NONO'S FACE INSTEAD.
KIYOTO AND I BROKE UP WITH GIRLFRIENDS. KIYOTO SAID HE WASN'T REALLY HAPPY WITH HER FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.




I was a coward

From that onwards, I distanced myself from Nono.

It was a male teacher who was older than him.

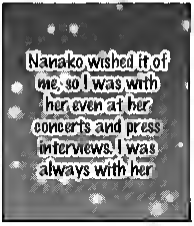
Nono started a new love.

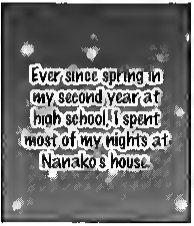
NONO KISSED A TEACHER NAMED NEMOTO?
BUT WHO IS NEMOTO?
AH, NAO DIDN'T CHOOSE TO TAKE ART CLASSES
HE'S A TEACHER WHO STARTED HERE LAST YEAR HE'S FROM THE FINE ARTS UNIVERSITY AND IS IN HIS THIRTIES
A STUDENT, WHO WENT BACK TO COLLECT SOMETHING THEY LEFT BEHIND, SAW THE TWO OF THEM.

COULDN'T IT JUST BE A LIE THEN, KIYOTO?
I THOUGHT THAT TOO AT FIRST, SO I ASKED NONO DIRECTLY
HE SAID
HE HAS A TRUE LOVE WITH THE TEACHER
TRUE LOVE?
THE TEACHER AND HIM ARE CONNECTED WITH THEIR SOULS.
ALL ANIMALS ARE SUPPOSED TO MEET AND HAVE SEX TO HAVE OFFSPRINGS.
BUT THE TEACHER AND HIM CAN'T HAVE ANY CHILDREN.
SO THEY ARE NOT LIKE ANIMALS, BUT TRULY LOVE EACH OTHER.

MIND IF I OFFER AN EXPLANATION FOR THAT BAD FEELING?
BUT IT FEELS BAD FOR SOME REASON...
I SEE.
AH, NANAKO
How long have you been here?
AH?

I'LL EXPLAIN LATER
This is really wonderful
HOW DO YOU KNOW HER?!
AH, THIS IS A MANSION WHERE NANAKO LIVES.
It has a swimming pool
WHY IS SHE HERE?!
THAT'S NANAKO OF 3R!!
Wow I'm a big fan!


Nanako wished it of me, so I was with her even at her concerts and press interviews. I was always with her


Ever since spring in my second year at high school, I spent most of my nights at Nanako's house.

Even if we kissed, it was only on the cheek.
Mysteriously, Nanako and me didn't have sex anymore.
HEY, NAOKI DO YOU KNOW WHY PEOPLE COMMIT SUICIDE?
?
IT'S TO SAVE THEMSELVES.
WHEN PEOPLE DIE, THERE IS THE DEATH OF A BODY AND THE DEATH OF A HEART
WHEN THEY ARE HAVING A HARD TIME, THE HEART GETS RUPTURED AND DIES
WHY? DO YOU KNOW ANYBODY LIKE THAT?
...

DO YOU THINK SUICIDE IS A POSITIVE THING NANAKO?
SO, IN ORDER TO SAVE THE HEART BEFORE THAT HAPPENS, YOU HAVE TO KILL THE BODY.
YOU'D HATE YOURSELF FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO SAVE THEM.
WELL, IF ANYBODY I REALLY LIKE TRIES TO KILL THEMSELVES, OF COURSE I'LL DO MY BEST TO STOP THEM. BUT THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE I'D BE REALLY SAD IF THEY DISAPPEARED.
WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS TO PRETEND THAT YOU ARE A NICE PERSON AND ACCEPT THAT CRUELTY.
EVERYBODY IS LIKE THAT. NOBODY GETS SAD WHEN SOMEONE THEY'VE NEVER MET COMMITS SUICIDE.
A HEART LIKE THAT IS CRUEL, BUT I'M LIKE THAT TOO

THEY FIGHT WITH THEIR JEALOUSY AND ENVY.
MAYBE PEOPLE ARE BORN TO FIGHT WITH THE UGLY SIDE OF THEMSELVES ALL THEIR LIFE
IF YOU DO THAT, YOU BECOME AN ANGEL!
THEY WANT EVERYTHING TO DISAPPEAR ONE DAY.
ANGEL--?
NAOKI SURE DOES SAY A LOT OF NICE THINGS!
THEN YOUR SONGS REALLY ARE GOING TO BE SONGS FROM AN ANGEL.
IT'S MY DREAM.

ABOUT THE BAD FEELING THAT NAOKI HAD.

AH
THAT'S RIGHT
ABOUT NAOKI'S FRIEND EARLIER.

IT MUST HAVE BEEN THE TEACHER WHO INITIATED IT FIRST.
LOVE BETWEEN PEOPLE OF THE SAME SEX IS TRUE LOVE. NONO WOULDN'T HAVE THOUGHT OF THAT. IT MUST HAVE BEEN THE TEACHER WHO MADE NONO THINK THAT WAY.

AHH .. I DON'T KNOW IF KIYOTO FEELS THE SAME, BUT I HAD A BAD FEELING AS I WAS LISTENING TO HIM
IT'S NOT STRANGE THAT NONO LOVES HIS TEACHER

ISN'T THAT FORCED LOGIC BY HOMOSEXUALS?
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH SOUL AND TRUTH.
THERE CAN'T BE ROMANCE WITHOUT ANY SEXUAL ATTRACTION.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU TRY TO THINK ABOUT IT LOGICALLY.
THAT TEACHER FROM THE FINE ARTS UNIVERSITY IS JUST INNOCENTLY
IN LOVE WITH NONO IN A SEXUAL WAY
IF THINGS ARE LIKE THAT...
NONO IS DIFFERENT...
RIGHT.
HE'S JUST INTERESTED IN NONO AS A MAN.

IF HE DID, THEN HE'D BE IN DESPAIR.
HE CAN NEITHER BE LOVED AS A WOMAN, A MAN, NOR SIMPLY AS A PERSON
DOES NONO KNOW?
I DIDN'T WANT TO SAY THIS TO YOU, NAOKI,
BUT I DON'T THINK HE HAS A LOT OF TIME LEFT.
WHEN THAT HAPPENS, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SAVE HIM ANYMORE.
YOU MEAN HIS HEART IS GOING TO DIE?

IS THERE A WAY TO SAVE NONO?
NAOKI, DO YOU WANT TO SAVE HIM FROM DEATH?
THERE IS, NAOKI
IT'S VERY SIMPLE TO MAKE HIM HAPPY
OF COURSE
DO YOU WANT TO MAKE HIM HAPPY?
YEAH

EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO DIE IN HIS PLACE, NAOKI?
SFX MIIN MIN 2X
SFX MIIN

Regardless of what I say in a situation like this Nono is going to find out it's just a lie.
isn't ready yet.
My heart
headed for the art room anyway.
But my feet are

"Even if you have to die in his place, Naoki?"

ARE YOU A FRIEND OF NOSAKA-KUN?
YES.
MY NAME IS NAOKI KOMURA. I'M IN 2ND YEAR.
YES... THAT PAINTING... COULD YOU SHOW IT TO ME?
I HEARD ABOUT YOU. HE HAS BEST FRIENDS WHO ARE CHILD-HOOD FRIENDS.
YES.
clank

...
THAT'S A COOL PAINTING
I said that and thought back to how I took photos of Nono on the beach that day.

Who is the real Nono?
When I compared the two,
I could understand clearly.
This is a fake Nono
NAO-CHAN!
WHY DID YOU COME!
HE ONLY CAME TO SEE THE PAINTING.

...
This man smiles just like Nono's father..
If it's like this
If things are like this, Nono is going to..
want a father ...
So that's how it is... Nono, you still
EXCUSE ME!
AH!
SFX DASH

SFX GRAB
どんっ
WAIT, NAO-CHAN!
WHAT DID YOU SAY TO THE TEACHER!
IT'S NOT GOING TO WORK EVEN IF YOU SAY NO.
YOU DON'T CARE!
YOU SHOULD LEAVE ME ALONE!

I know

the real you.

when the national tour was over, I lost contact with Nanako

Around that time,

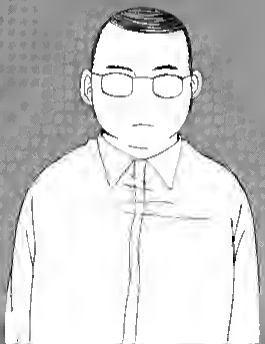
I was worried about her and went to her mansion.

Her manager called me to ask about Nanako.

He was called Tamotsu Arata

In the mansion

He was a little fat doctor.



there was no sign of Nanako

EVERYONE IS WORRIED ABOUT YOU
NANAKO? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THIS IS A CALL FROM NANAKO
WHY IS THERE A DOCTOR AT YOUR PLACE?
I'M IN ENGLAND RIGHT NOW
I CAN'T MEET ANYONE FROM NOW ON
I'M RETIRING.

SICK?
I'M SICK. NAOKI.. I...
SHE HAS HIV.
YOU GAVE BLOOD AT THE VOLUNTEER CONCERT, RIGHT? I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU WERE FINE, SO I HAD YOUR BLOOD TESTED BACK THEN.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE WORRIED ABOUT IT, NAOKI. IT'S FINE, I WAS CAREFUL WITH YOU.
...YOU HAVE AIDS?

I SPENT ALL MY STAMINA TOURING, SO I'M NOT IN GOOD HEALTH.
I'M JUST GOING TO QUIETLY VANISH LIKE THIS
IT MUST BE REALLY TROUBLESOME OF ME.
IT'S GOING TO BE OKAY THOUGH. THE DOCTOR TOLD ME HE WAS GOING TO STAY AND WATCH OVER ME.
WHY... DIDN'T YOU SAY ANYTHING?
HE EVEN GAVE UP HIS JOB AS A DOCTOR AT THE TEACHING HOSPITAL
I DIDN'T WANT OUR RELATIONSHIP TO CHANGE.
I WANTED TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT THINGS, JUST LIKE NORMAL.

IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, DON'T MAKE ME FEEL SO DEPRESSED
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I'LL GO TOO... TO LONDON.
...
LET ME SPEAK TO THE DOCTOR

...THIS IS...
HERE ...
...

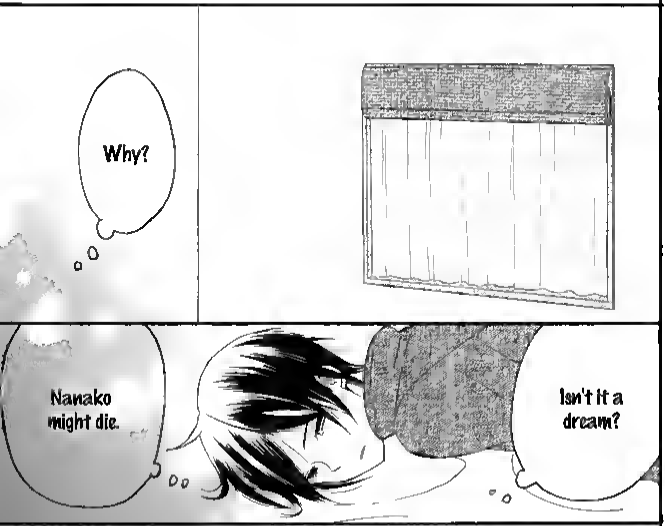
Nanako is still in this room!
Why didn't I realize it sooner!
Two tickets to London?!
SFX DASH
OPEN THE DOOR!
NANAKO? I KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE!
SFX BAM BAM
pat

...
I WANT TO MEET HER. NANAKO...
HERE.
The address in London?
IT'S A SECRET.
GOODBYE

"I must have dreamt it all"

"It's all a lie, Nanako is going to contact me".

It was shocking.




And

why?

Even if he was a doctor,

why didn't Nanako choose me?!

Mom must have thought that I was not important to her, that's why she left me.
None of my girlfriends were obsessed about me.
What if nobody needs me?
THE ONE WHO WANTS TRUE LOVE MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE IS NAO-CHAN.

Nono?
Maybe,
in saving you,
I could save myself.

第15回 文化祭
YEAH.
YOU DID A GOOD JOB.
EVERYBODY LIKED THE FESTIVAL.
AH, RIGHT. I'VE HEARD THAT THING ABOUT NEMOTO-SENSEI AND NONO IS GOING TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE STAFF CONFERENCE.
UWAH, THE RUMOR ALREADY REACHED THEM?

Nono, if you still need me...

NEMOTO-SENSEI RESIGNED.
WE WON'T LET HIM DO THAT.
THE PROBLEM IS WHAT NONO IS GOING TO DO NOW.
WHAT IF HE QUITS SCHOOL TOO?
?
KIYOTO, DO YOU WANT TO SAVE NONO'S LIFE?
SAVE HIS LIFE?
DO YOU WANT TO MAKE HIM HAPPY?

WHERE, WHERE?
TO THE ART ROOM, OBVIOUSLY
OKAY. THEN LET'S GO.
ARE YOU GOING TO FORCE NONO TO LEAVE HIM?
OF COURSE.
IT'S NOT GOING TO BE FORCED.
IT'S WHAT NONO WANTS.

DID SOMEONE TELL YOU THAT I WAS RESIGNING?
YES.
I'M GOING TO A PRIMARY SCHOOL IN TACHIGAWA.
THIS IS A SCHOOL THAT PREPARES STUDENTS TO GO TO UNIVERSITY. SO THERE AREN'T A LOT OF STUDENTS WHO WANT TO BECOME ARTISTS
I WANT YOU TO UNDER-STAND
THAT I'M NOT SIMPLY TRYING TO RUN AWAY
hug
SO YOU SHOULD RELAX

Save me.
THERE ARE TOO MANY PEOPLE TIED UP WITH BORING ETHICS.
I'VE EXPLAINED IT TO NONO TOO.
IT'S GOING TO BE SAD, BUT ALL IT MEANS IS THAT WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE EACH OTHER AT SCHOOL.
I DON'T WANT TO BE DRAGGED INTO USELESS ARGUMENTS.
I'M SORRY,
...
BUT NONO ISN'T GOING TO BE MEETING WITH YOU ANYMORE, SENSEI

I SIMPLY THOUGHT IT WAS ALL RIGHT IF NONO WAS OKAY WITH IT TOO.
NO, I DIDN'T REALLY THINK MUCH ABOUT IT AT THE BEGINNING.
ARE YOU AGAINST IT AS WELL?
IT WAS AFTER I SAW YOUR DRAWING.
THEN WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY...
THAT'S NOT NONO.
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND NONO.

I UNDERSTAND IT.
I HEARD IT FROM NONO.
HE THINKS HIS HEART MAY BE THAT OF A GIRL'S.
YOU ARE ONLY PRETENDING TO UNDERSTAND IT.
YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED IN WHETHER OR NOT HIS HEART IS THAT OF A GIRL'S.
YOU'RE HOMOSEXUAL.
BUT NONO ISN'T.

NONO'S HEART IS THAT OF A GIRL'S.
...
ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT YOU UNDERSTAND HIM?
HE WAS A LONELY KID. THAT'S WHY HE ASKED ME FOR HELP.
ARE YOU GOING TO BE OKAY WITHOUT ME?
...
NONO WILL BE FINE.
HE DOESN'T NEED ANYONE TO UNDERSTAND HIM, AND HE'S DEFINITELY NOT GOING TO BE A LONER

NONO,
YOU SHOULD BE A GIRL.

EH...
NONO, YOU'RE GOING TO BE A GIRL.
LET'S GET YOU THE SURGERY TO BECOME A WOMAN.
NAO-CHAN..

I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT.
NONO, YOU'VE TRIED TO HAVE THE HEART OF A MAN,
BUT THAT WAS WRONG. YOU SHOULD HAVE A BODY THAT MATCHES YOUR HEART.
...
SENSEI
SENSEI
I'M SORRY

THEY ALL CAME CLEAN.
This place is amazing.
IT WAS AMAZING. EVERYONE TOLD YOU THEY WEREN'T GOING TO CONTACT YOU ANYMORE
NAOKI, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT WITH NOT GOING BACK TO THE FESTIVAL? THERE WERE A LOT OF GIRLS THERE
INDEED.
TRUE THAT
AND THERE'S A CUTE KID HERE TOO, SO I'M OKAY ABOUT IT.

WOW. THE HURDLE SUDDENLY BECAME A LOT HIGHER.
WE SHOULD THINK OF A WAY TO CONVINCE NONO'S MOM TO LET HIM GET THE SURGERY.
STOP IT.
NONO'S MOM MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND, AND WE CAN'T SUPPORT HER IF SHE'S GOING TO BE SHOCKED
I THINK IT WILL BE USELESS TO TRY AND CONVINCE HER.
...
NAO-CHAN.
WE NEED HELP FROM ADULTS. LET'S SPEAK TO MY PARENTS FIRST AND TALK TO NONO'S MOM THROUGH THEM.

ACTUALLY, I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT WANTING TO DIE FOR QUITE SOME TIME NOW.
IF I DO THOUGH, MY MOM WILL BE ALL ALONE...
NAOKI.
NOZOMI'S MOM IS STILL TRYING TO STAND UP ON HER OWN
AFTER NOSAKA'S DEATH...
SHE'S BEEN TRYING TO LOOK FOR WORK AND HAS BEEN LIVING DESPERATELY

DO YOU THINK I CAN SPEAK TO HER ABOUT SOMETHING SO HARD TO SWALLOW LIKE THIS SO SOON?
EVEN IF SHE FEELS HURT, NOSAKA IS NO LONGER THERE TO COMFORT HER
THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING YOU TO SUB-STITUTE FOR HIM
NONO'S THOUGHT ABOUT THIS AND HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO BRING IT UP UNTIL NOW
IF HE WAS BEING PATIENT, HE CAN STILL BE PATIENT NOW.
THIS IS THE LIMIT!
I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T DO IT
I HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THE FEELING'S OF NOSAKA'S WIFE BEFORE NOZOMI'S

Damn it
HEY.
What is that?!
WHAT IS THAT FACE?
It's an-nothing
AHH... I SPOKE WITH MY DAD YESTERDAY
YOU FAILED.
I SEE
WELL, THE SURGERY COULD FAIL
...
I RESEARCHED ON THE INTERNET, AND APPARENTLY IT'S NOT A VERY DIFFICULT SURGERY

ARE YOU STUPID?
NONO IS NOT HEALTHY...
AH...
HE'S ALWAYS BEEN WEAK SINCE HE WAS YOUNG.

YOUR FACE SAYS THAT YOU KNEW ABOUT THIS.
OF COURSE.
I RESEARCHED IT MORE ACCURATELY THAN NAO-CHAN.
FTM REFERS TO SOMEONE WHO IS A WOMAN BY BIRTH BUT THINKS OF HERSELF AS A MAN. NONO, IN CONTRAST, IS MTF.
THE SURGERY ISN'T MUCH OF A PROBLEM AS LONG AS THE PERSON'S BODY IS HEALTHY.
BUT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF SOME INFECTIOUS DISEASES OCCURRING, SO NONO'S CASE IS A LITTLE UNCERTAIN.

I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANY OTHER WAY TO SAVE NONO.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW THEN?
IT CAN APPARENTLY CAUSE A TERRIBLE STRAIN TO A PERSON'S IDENTITY AND PERSONALITY
I BOUGHT A BOOK AND READ ABOUT IT. THIS IS ACTUALLY SOMETHING KNOWN AS A GENDER IDENTITY DISORDER
YOU SAID THAT AND GAVE NONO HOPE.
"YOUR BODY SHOULD MATCH YOUR HEART."
EVERY SINGLE DAY

Both of them came to see us when we had a meeting to discuss our plans and think of a way to explain the situation to Nono's mom.

Kiyoto's prediction was dead right

After that, when both of them finally spoke to Nono's mom,
we didn't hear much about what happened to Nono's mom.
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE'VE HAD A CHRISTMAS PARTY AT NONO'S HOUSE
POP
WE MIGHT ACCIDENTALLY SPEAK ABOUT NONO'S SURGERY TO EVERYONE
WE MIGHT..
hah
RIGHT?
DON'T BE NERVOUS
person person person..!
*FK WRITING PERSON ON HIS PALM TO CALM HIMSELF DOWN
Huh...?
Why aren't they talking about Nono..?

EVERY-ONE'S BEEN WAITING FOR IT.
HERE YOU GO
THIS IS A SPECIAL CAKE FROM NONO'S MOM.
TEXT: HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU 2X
ハッピーバースデートゥーユー
?
?
?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU-
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, NOZOMI-
WHAT IS THIS?
?
?
?
?? ISN'T NONO'S BIRTHDAY ON THE THE 31ST OF MARCH?

SFX FUUU

pachin

THANK YOU,
EVERY-BODY
AH..?
NONO.
WHEN DID YOU CHANGE

SFX: Hi
...
smile
I see.
Today is the birthday of Nono who has been reborn as a woman.
Probably.

I cried because I felt sad and happy all at the same time.

Somewhere where we couldn't hear, the adults had talked to each other about this several times.

I couldn't have predicted the huge confusion that was going to happen after.